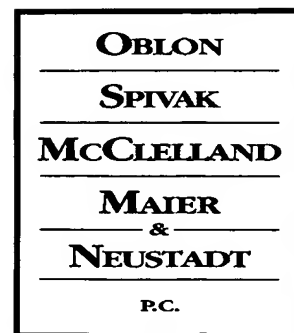




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Docket No.: 245724US2X

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/717,718  
Inventor: Yasutaka NISHIOKA, et al.  
Filing Date: November 21, 2003  
For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD  
Group: 3729  
Examiner: Carl J. ARBES

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**PETITION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181(a)(3)  
DATE-STAMPED FILING RECEIPT DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2003 (COPY)  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2003 (COPY)  
FORM PTO 1449 FILED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2003 (COPY)**

Our credit card form in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SIR:

This is a Petition pursuant to 37 CFR §1.181(a)(3) requesting that the Examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to notify Applicants of proper consideration of the information disclosure statement (IDS) that was filed on November 21, 2003.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On November 21, 2003, Applicants filed the above-noted IDS under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, which filing is clearly documented by the attached copy of the associated date-stamped Mail Room receipt and copies of the IDS papers including the Form PTO 1449 and cited references (4). The PTO has not responded to this IDS filing by supplying Applicants with a copy of the Form PTO 1449 filed on November 21, 2003, that has been properly initialed by the Examiner.

**POINT FOR REVIEW**

The point for review is why Applicants have not been provided a copy of the above-noted Form PTO 1449 filed on November 21, 2003, properly initialed by the Examiner in compliance with the rules.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be directed to provide Applicants a copy of the above-noted Form PTO 1449 filed on November 21, 2003, properly initialed by the Examiner in compliance with the rules.

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In the matter of the Application of: Yasutaka NISHIOKA, et al.

For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

Due Date: 1/21/04

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon:

- 35 pp. Specification 20 Claims/Drawings 16 Sheets and  
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- Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney 4 Pages
- Utility Patent Application Transmittal
- Request for Priority
- Priority Doc 1
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**CERTIFICATION**

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

**DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner

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